

GIRLS FLEE FROM TRAINING SCHOOL

Two Slide Down Rope Made of Torn Bedclothing and Scale Seven-Foot Wall Topped with Bristling Spikes.

Mathilde Bonney, sixteen years old, and Yepta Selgert, one year younger, who when she was not such a bad girl lived with her parents at No. 28 Humboldt street, escaped from the Brooklyn Training School last night. They came down from the top story on a rope made up of torn bedclothes.

Mathilde and Yepta were sent to the training school a short time ago from a Brooklyn police court. Their parents had tried the ordinary means of domestic correction and found them of little value with the girls. They then asked the police to come to their help.

No sooner had Mathilde and Yepta been assigned to the training school than they began to foment a plot among the other boarders. Neither girl liked the school, and they demonstrated no particular fancy for the teachers. At their instigation a general plan of escape had been determined upon for last night. But when it came to a showdown Mathilde and Yepta were the only game spirits.

They began to work as soon as the lights went out and the entire house was in darkness. Strip by strip the girls lengthened their rope until every bit of bedclothing in their rooms was destroyed. Up went the window and out went Yepta with a strong hold on the improvised rope. After her came Mathilde.

C. F. MURPHY LEAVES TOWN.

He Is Going to Albany, Then to Mount Clemens and Hot Springs.

Charles F. Murphy left the city yesterday for Albany, where he will see members of the Legislature and possibly talk with Judge Alton B. Parker. Thence he will go to Mount Clemens, Mich., and later to Hot Springs, Ark. It is expected that he will not return before the middle of February.

Mr. Murphy will make a point of sounding sentiment in the West on the subject of the Presidency, and will meet some national leaders. He slipped away quietly, without giving any intimation to the horde of office hunters who have not yet been satisfied.

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JESUP NURSE IS SCORED BY MAID

Mary Denny Returns from Abroad and Says the Other Woman Was the Cause of "Trouble in the House."

Mary Denny, formerly a servant in the family of Morris K. Jesup, President of the Chamber of Commerce, arrived from Ireland to-day on the Ethiopea, and she did not clear the mystery of the anonymous letter that caused the Jesup family to employ private detectives. It was supposed that Miss Denny would be able to tell all about the writer of the letter and the reason why Finkerton men dogged the home of her sister, Mrs. Norman Day, until Mrs. Day had one of them arrested.

"All this is news to me," said Miss Denny. "I was a faithful servant in the Jesup family for many years and never had any trouble until a trained nurse came to the house to take care of Mrs. Jesup. This was shortly before I had arranged to go abroad last fall. When I was leaving the Jesup household I told Mrs. Jesup some things about the nurse that I thought she should know. I understand there was a scene after I left. I received a letter from Mrs. Jesup while I was abroad telling me that perhaps I had better make arrangements to get another place on my return until the doctor allows the nurse to leave."

"I have written no letters to the Jesup family, although I understand that some of my mail addressed to the house has been intercepted by the detectives. I shall have a lawyer find what right detectives have to hold my mail instead of delivering it to my sister."

There were two Pinkerton detectives on the pier watching Miss Denny, but they did not speak to her. She was met by Day, her brother-in-law, and went to his home. Perhaps she will visit Mrs. Jesup and assist in clearing up the anonymous letter mystery.

FIREMEN GET COMPLIMENTS.

Haven't Lost Control of One of 611 Blazes in Twenty Days.

Acting Chief Kruger, of the Fire Department, said to-day that the warm weather and the rain had brought to a stop the long series of fires with which the city was afflicted during the cold spell.

During the first twenty days of this month there were 611 fires, an average of 31 a day. At all of these fires, he said, the department was prompt in getting to work and had not lost control in a single instance. At no time in his thirty years in the department, he added, had fires been so well handled by the men.

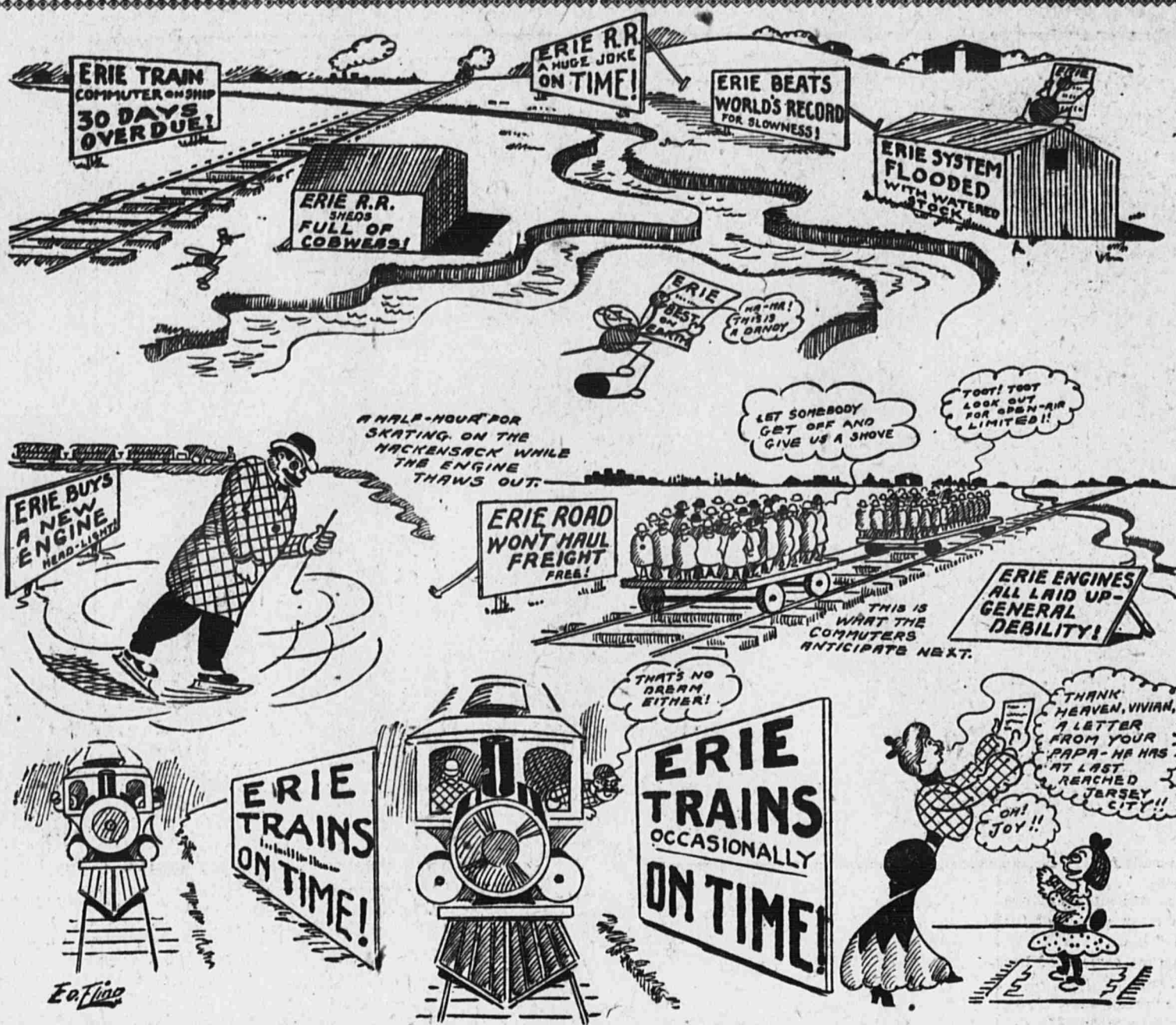
MURDERED BOY BURIED.

His Mother, Who Beheaded Him, Sent to Asylum for the Insane.

OAKLAND, N. J., Jan. 23.—The funeral of five-year-old Charles Ograwall, who was beheaded by his insane mother, took place to-day from an undertaker's establishment in Pompton. The body was taken to Jersey City for burial.

The coroner's jury having declared that Mrs. Ograwall killed her little son while insane and two physicians adjudging her a dangerous lunatic, she was taken to the State Asylum at Morris Plains this afternoon.

PEEWEE SIGNBOARDS THAT WOULD FIT THE CONDITION OF AFFAIRS ON THE ERIE SUBURBAN LINES OUT IN JERSEY.



PLOT TO BLOW UP SHIP, CAPTAIN SAYS

Powder Fuse, Giant Firecracker and Some Paper Found Near Where Oil Was Stored on the Kurdistan.

The Jersey City Police have been investigating a suspected attempt to blow up the steamship Kurdistan, of the Manhattan line, the offices of which are at No. 30 Wall street, this city.

Supt. Masotti, who has charge of the company's dock at the foot of Pavonia avenue, Jersey City, reported to Chief of Police Murphy that a fuse, a quantity of powder and a giant firecracker had been found under some paper in the hatchway of the ship near where a quantity of oil had been stored, and he said he suspected that some one had designed to destroy the vessel.

The Kurdistan arrived last week from China, with a load of giant firecrackers and is now loading with oil for South Africa. She is to sail next week.

Detective Bennett was assigned by Chief Murphy to the case and he said to-day that his investigation satisfied him that there was no plot against the ship and that the presence of the fuse, powder and firecracker were the result of carelessness or the work of a practical joker.

He believed that the powder and fuse had dropped from a big firecracker and that they and the firecracker found had been carelessly swept into the hatchway and left there with the paper over them. Possibly, he said, some one had placed them there with no more serious purpose than to give the officers of the ship a scare.

Supt. Masotti says, however, that he is not quite satisfied of the non-existence of a powder plot against the vessel, although he does not know why any one should have evil designs against the company or its property.

LIGHTER SINKS AT PIER.

Laden with 500 Barrels of Cement and 500 Kegs of Nails.

A lighter named Emelia sank at Pier No. 15, East River, to-day. On board were 500 barrels of cement and 500 kegs of nails. No one was injured.

WOMAN STRANGLER IS SENT TO FRANCE

Gabrielle Bompard Deported on Lucania, and Is Put Aboard Vessel at Sea, Protesting Vigorously.

Gabrielle Bompard, the French stranger, who arrived on the steamship Lucania last Saturday afternoon in company with the Parisian dentist, Dr. Kierdorf, prepared to give hypnotic exhibitions in this country, was deported to-day on the vessel which brought her here.

The woman and her companion were held up by the Immigration authorities on their arrival on the ground that they were barred by the law from entering the country. They were ordered deported and appealed their case to Washington.

Commissioner Williams to-day received a telegram from Secretary Corley, of the Department of Commerce and Labor, announcing that the woman's appeal had been dismissed and that she should leave the country.

When this telegram was received the Lucania had sailed and was well down the bay, although its departure had been delayed by the fog. Commissioner Williams then pressed into service the tug Edna, placed the Bompard woman aboard, and a swift race was made down the bay to intercept the departing Lucania. The woman protested strongly against the quick action that was taken, but her protests were unavailing, and she was placed on the outgoing Lucania, which was overtaken within a short time after the chase commenced.

Dr. Kierdorf is still on Ellis Island, awaiting a decision on his appeal.

BLAZE IN BERLIN THEATRE.

BERLIN, Jan. 23.—A moving picture machine set the ceiling of the passage of a theatre here on fire last night.

The audience became frightened, and left the building without becoming panic-stricken. The flames were extinguished after they had done slight damage.

MAN BEHEADED BY AN "L" TRAIN

Smashed and Mangled Body Left Dangling in the Air, but the Severed Head Fell to the Street.

His head cut off and sent rolling into the street and his body smashed and mangled and left dangling in the air was the way a northbound Second avenue "L" train to-day finished the life of Harry Larkin, a laborer, half a block south on the One Hundred and Twenty-first street station. The headless corpse swung like a pendulum between the ties of the middle track for half an hour before it could be dislodged.

It was Larkin's work to take the number of cars in what are called "lay-up" trains stored on the middle track outside of rush hours at the point where he was killed. A ticket-chopper on the downtown side of the One Hundred and Twenty-first street station, who appears to have been the only one who saw the accident, says that Larkin had been on the west end of the structure and crossed over to the middle track ahead of a southbound train. A "lay-up" train was coming from the south at a hard clip, and apparently the unfortunate fellow did not see it. The next moment he was under its wheels.

The ticket chopper says his view was cut off by the southbound train at that juncture and that he did not know Larkin had been killed until Policeman William G. Bowden, of the East One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street station brought the man's head up from the street and asked him if he knew to whom it belonged.

Larkin was thirty-five years old and married. He was quite prominent in politics in the Nineteenth Assembly District and is said to have been the captain of his election precinct. He had lived at No. 57 Amsterdam avenue and had been employed by the railroad company since April last.

CAN COURTS MAKE HIM ACT?

Dave Warfield Has So Far Defied Justice's Mandate.

Joseph Brooks, who secured the appointment of receiver to run Dave Warfield and "The Auctioneer," although David Belasco denies that Brooks has any interest in the venture, but was the agent of Klaw & Erlanger, who wanted a dissolution and an accounting, is going to test the power of the court to compel an actor to act when he doesn't want to act.

Justice Leventritt appointed ex-Judge W. M. K. Olcott receiver of "The Auctioneer" on the Brooks application, whereupon Dave Warfield, who was under contract with Belasco to play a leading role, packed his trunk and came home, refusing to act for a receiver.

Franklin Blen to-day obtained an order from Justice O'Grady directing Warfield to appear Monday in the Supreme Court and show why he should not be enjoined for refusing to appear.

WARRANT OUT FOR CASHIER.

Grand Jury Acts on Big Shortage that Closed Bank in Cleveland.

CLEVELAND, Jan. 23.—The Grand Jury to-day returned an indictment against George A. Rose, cashier of the Produce National Bank, which closed its doors yesterday. Rose is charged with having embezzled \$18,000 of the bank's funds. A warrant for his arrest was immediately issued following the report of the Grand Jury.

WANTED TO LEAP OFF NEW BRIDGE

Man Who Said He Came from Chicago for That Purpose Is Now Locked Up in Bellevue Hospital.

A report that a man had jumped from the new Williamsburg bridge to-day excited the police of the lower east side and the river was searched for a long distance below the bridge. The report probably arose from the fact that a demented man went to the Church Street Station and asked Sergeant Pryal for a permit to make the leap.

The man was well dressed and less than thirty years old, though so broken down by the use of morphine or some other drug that he appeared to be much older.

"I want to jump off the new bridge," he said to the sergeant. "I've been over there all night, but they won't let me jump. I want a permit from the police."

Sergeant Pryal questioned him and found he had come from Chicago with the one purpose of jumping from the bridge. He gave the name of Albert Drev. He said his family was an old and respectable one in Maine and he did not want them to know he was here.

The man was ordered locked up, but resisted so stubbornly that he was still in the squad room when Dr. Blackwell came from Bellevue Hospital. It took four men to force him into the ambulance. He was placed in the psychopathic ward.

DIES WHILE WIFE IS ILL IN A HOSPITAL

Alexander Allen, Believed to Have Been Struck Down by a Non-Union Man, Expires from the Wound.

"Alexander Allen, an engineer at the new theatre being built by Weber & Field on Broadway, Brooklyn, died to-day at his home, No. 535 Kosciuszko street. About two weeks ago Allen was found unconscious on the street. It was supposed at the time that he had been struck down by a non-union man.

Allen was taken to the Bushwick Hospital and after his head was dressed left for his home. His wife was at that time ill with pneumonia and was taken to another hospital. He tried to return to his work the next day, but was unable to continue at his job.

At his home he got along the best way he could. The wound was directly responsible for his death.

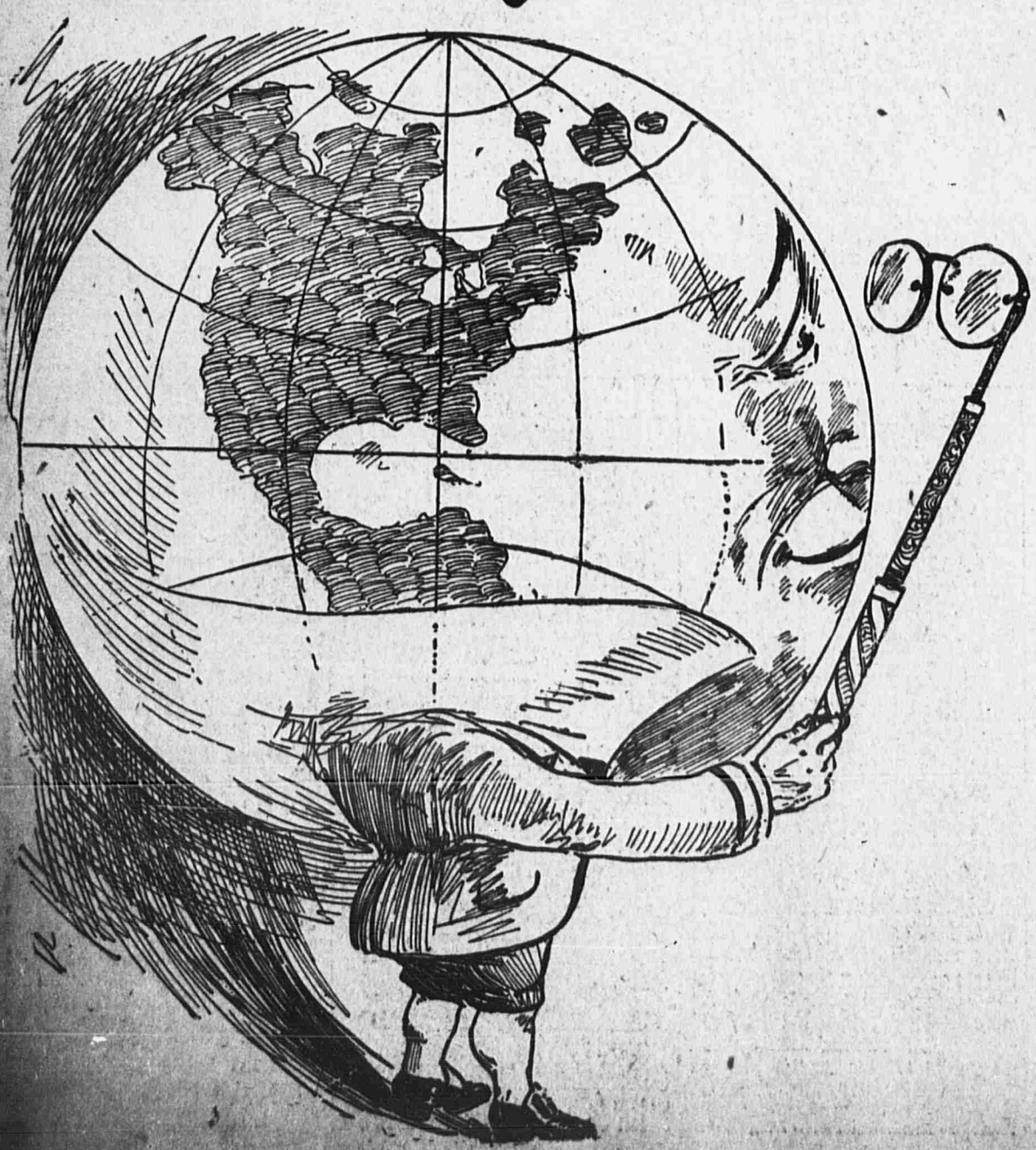
Allen's wife is now at the point of death from pneumonia.

DUBLIN'S NEW MAYOR.

Councillor Hutchinson, a Nationalist Wins in Close Race.

DUBLIN, Jan. 23.—Councillor Hutchinson, of the Merchants' Quay Ward, and a Nationalist, was to-day elected Mayor of Dublin by 41 votes against 31 cast in favor of Alderman W. F. Cotton. Councillor Thomas Roche, who was a candidate of the United Irish League, was elected Lord Mayor of Cork.

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